

APPROVED: Meeting No. 27-90

ATTEST: *Sharon Gran*

MAYOR AND COUNCIL
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND
Meeting No. 25-90

May 30, 1990

The Mayor and Council of Rockville, Maryland, convened in Worksession in the Council Chamber, Rockville City Hall, Maryland Avenue at Vinson Street, Rockville, Maryland, on May 30, 1990, at 7:45 p.m.

PRESENT

Mayor Douglas M. Duncan

Councilmember James F. Coyle

Councilmember Viola D. Hovsepian

Councilmember James T. Marrinan

Councilmember David Robbins

In attendance: City Manager Bruce Romer, Assistant City Manager Rick Kuckkahn and City Clerk Sharon Gran.

Re: Budget Worksessions

Outside Agency Requests

The Mayor and Council approved the following outside agency requests for FY1991 funding:

Child Care Connection	\$ 5,500
Community Clinic, Inc.	46,063
Home Health Care for Elderly	20,000
Chase Shelter	15,000
Single Room Occupancy renovation	50,000
Emergency Assistance Program	20,000
Dorothy Day Shelter	7,500
Helping Hands Shelter	7,500
Interfaith Clothing Shelter	2,000
Rainbow Place Shelter	7,500
Rockville Arts Place	75,000
Rockville Housing Authority:	
Refuse Services	49,000
Air conditioners	20,300
Copier, laser printer, software	10,000

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Rockville Sister City Corporation	2,000
Suburban Maryland Fair Housing	3,000

Funding in the amount of \$6,000 was approved for the National Chamber Orchestra contingent upon an agreement with the National Chamber Orchestra (NCO) as follows: NCO will provide two children's concerts the same day for which the City will charge a nominal fee; NCO will receive the Rockville resident rate for the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre and the City will provide a bandshell if NCO agrees to use the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre exclusively as their Montgomery County location. This latter provision is also contingent upon the ability of NCO to work out their schedule of dates with the Theatre. Finally, it was agreed that the City desires to obtain the services of the National Chamber Orchestra for the Sunday concert at Hometown Holidays, including the 1812 overture and cannons, and funding for such services will be available through an increase of \$15,000 in the Hometown Holidays appropriation.

Funding in the amount of \$4,000 was approved for a neighborhood history study as a joint project of Peerless Rockville and the Historic District Commission. The funding is contingent upon an expressed interest and willingness to participate in the project by at least two neighborhoods.

Funding in the amount of \$2,000 was also approved for the Historic District Commission to develop a "how to" resource library provided that Peerless Rockville makes space available for such a library.

Although no funding was approved for Stepping Stones Shelter at this time, it was agreed that this item would be revisited in the fall following consultation with the County regarding tax duplication.

Capital Improvements Program

The following Planning Commissioners reviewed the proposed CIP with the Mayor and Council: Gloria Atlas, Jeryl Gegan, Yolande Langbehn, David Melnick and James Vitol.

The City Manager advised the Mayor and Council that the CIP now serves as both a financial tool and planning document with a clear interface with the operating budget. The Assistant City Manager noted that the CIP is consistent with financial and debt management policies adopted by the City and includes \$3 million pay-as-you-go. The following items were discussed:

Art in Public Places. There is an existing fund balance of \$230,000.

Asphalt Resurfacing. Funds appropriated in FY90 will be used to complete the work in FY91.

Civic Center Natural Areas. The 20 by 40 foot interpretive structure was described as a nature center. Commissioner Vitol noted that he did not feel it appropriate for General Obligation Bonds.

Civic Center Structural Analysis. If the analysis indicates that work is required, Councilmember Hovsepian inquired as to the funding for such work. The Assistant City Manager responded that there would probably be funds in next year's budget.

Courthouse Square Park Improvements. A construction date has not yet been set.

Fire Alarms and Sprinklers - Theatre. Commissioner Vitol noted that this seems like a long-term project for which General Obligation bonds could be used.

Grounds Beautification. Councilmember Hovsepian asked if the modified signs as proposed by the Student Government Days' participants could be included in this budget. Staff will bring back a response.

Grounds Beautification - right-of-way. It was noted that the \$25,000 for "Rockville" signs would be moved up to FY91 from FY93.

Halon Fire Suppression - City Hall. Councilmember Coyle advised that current studies indicate that water may be just as effective as chemicals such as halon and that he would provide additional information.

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Isreal Park - Iron Fence. Commissioner Vitol questioned the use of the property management fund, noting that funds from the sale of Town Center property should be used to enhance Town Center. Mayor Duncan responded that the property management fund can be used only for projects benefiting low and moderate income households because the Town Center had been designated an urban renewal area.

Lincoln Park Neighborhood Enhancements. The Lincoln Park neighborhood committee is developing priorities for this project and FY92 is the appropriate year to begin funding.

Mt. Vernon - Ballfield. Councilmember Robbins inquired as to who would be responsible for maintenance in joint projects such as this. Staff responded that the City would most likely maintain the ballfield.

Park for Multi-Purpose Lake. This project is totally funded by developer contributions. Staff noted that, in the future, projects funded by private developers would be included in the County/State Federal Projects section of the CIP.

Senior Center - Master Plan Improvements. Commissioner Atlas questioned these improvements inasmuch as the facility is not owned by the City. Staff responded that, with options, the City can lease the facility up to another 25 years.

Tuckahoe Park - Maryland/Rockville Cooperative Project. Staff advised that, with a minimal investment by the City, this state park would be available for summer camp programs and other overnight activities.

Beall Avenue Sidewalk, Nelson to Mannakee. It was noted that Beall Avenue is a primary street and that the project was funded in FY96 because it was viewed as a lower priority. Staff was requested to move the project up to FY91.

Concrete Maintenance Program. The program will be completed in FY93 and costs will begin to taper off with \$306,000 left as ongoing maintenance.

Directional Signage. Staff was requested to move the planning for this project

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up to FY91 so that construction could commence immediately in FY92.

Maryland Avenue Sidewalk-S. Washington to Falls. In response to Councilmember Hovsepien's request, staff was to prepare recommendations for moving this project up.

North Farm Traffic Improvements. The need for the light at Montrose and Farm Haven was discussed; the City will be contributing one-third of the cost of this traffic signal, and City staff has initiated discussions with the County and State to ensure that this light is installed as quickly as possible.

North Street - Van Buren 400' East. Commissioner Vitol was advised that this project includes a dedication for a turn-around. Discussion followed regarding whether there are any other streets in the City in this same situation. Mayor Duncan referenced a letter just received regarding the paving of Highland Avenue, and staff was requested to respond.

Ritchie Parkway--Seven Locks to Rockville Pike. In response to Commissioner Vitol, staff advised that the bridge cost was less than had been anticipated and that the expenditures were reduced accordingly.

Traffic Signal Upgrading. Although this work has already been completed, staff was requested to be more sensitive to screening for utility boxes.

Regarding new transportation projects, Commissioner Vitol referenced a dangerous situation at Route 28 and Veirs Mill Road where there is no sidewalk and people are walking in the street (up to Baltimore Road). Staff was requested to provide information regarding this matter.

Anderson Park SWM. This project will be moved back, to become the last stormwater management project.

Montgomery College Institute for Technical Education. This project was deleted.

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Montrose Park SWM Facility. Staff was requested to correct the map and change the project name to "Montrose Woods" Park SWM Facility.

Sewer Manhole Rehabilitation. Staff was asked to change the word "manhole" in the project title.

Commissioner Vitol inquired as to the status of the Falls Road sidewalk from Julius West to Potomac Street, which was in the FY85 or FY86 CIP. Staff noted that they will look into the matter.

Commissioner Vitol also referenced the County's expansion of the Seven Locks maintenance facility and was advised that the City has passed along the Planning Commission's concerns to the County.

Upon motion of Commissioner Atlas, duly seconded and unanimously passed, the Planning Commission recommended to the Mayor and Council the adoption of the Capital Improvements Program, as amended.

Responses to Earlier Issues

With respect to City vehicles, staff will undertake an analysis to evaluate the criteria used to define the number of vehicles needed, and no new vehicles would be purchased prior to completion of the study.

Regarding the local requirement that police officers must appear in court or a case will be dismissed, Chief Treschuk indicated that he would provide the Mayor and Council with additional information regarding a different concept used in other jurisdictions.

It was agreed that the expansion of the Senior Center Bus Service would be added to the wish list and that staff would provide recommended alternatives to funding the full amount of \$39,000.

Staff is gathering information regarding beautification of gateway entrance signs and this item is to be added to the wish list. Staff was again asked to restore

the original "Welcome to Rockville" sign on Veirs Mill Road at Twinbrook Parkway (or a facsimile) including the service club signs.

With respect to the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) program, Mayor Duncan asked that the City assign an officer to this program during the school year and to the police substation the remainder of the year. This would provide coverage at three additional elementary schools.

Re: Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council, the meeting was adjourned at 11:14 p.m., to convene again in Public Hearing at 7:30 p.m. on June 4, 1990, or at the call of the Mayor.